

NEWS & NOTES

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LOS ANGELES

The Ninth Annual Student A.M.A. Conference sponsored by the California Medical Association and the Los Angeles County Medical Association will be held April 1 at L.A.C.M.A. headquarters. A program of presentations designed to help students and those about to begin practice will start at 9 a.m. and end at noon. Then a buffet lunch honoring the deans of medical schools will be served.

- 9:00—Mr. George Petti, Jr., Loma Linda University—Welcome from the Student A.M.A. Chairman.
- 9:10—Ian Macdonald, M.D., President, Los Angeles County Medical Association—A Look at Services Your Medical Associations Offer; What the Profession Will Expect from You.
- 9:25—Donald A. Charnock, M.D., Physician Chairman. Past president of the California Medical Association—A Look at Medical Ethics; Guide Posts to a Satisfactory and Satisfying Practice.
- 9:45—James F. Regan, M.D., Member of the Board of Medical Examiners—The Board Takes a Look at You. How to Maintain Proper Physician-Patient Relationships. Reciprocity.
- 10:00—John D. Camp, M.D., Chief of Staff of the Hospital of the Good Samaritan—A Look at the Role of the Private Hospital.
- Question and Answer Period.
- 10:45—Thomas H. Brem, M.D., U.S.C. School of Medicine—A Look at Academic Medicine.
- 11:00—William P. Longmire, Jr., M.D., U.C.L.A. Medical Center—A Look at the Future in Specialties.
- 11:15—Robb Smith, M.D., Orange Cove, California—Another Look at General Practice in a Rural Community.
- 11:30—Warren L. Bostick, M.D., President of the California Medical Association—The Politicians Are Looking at Medicine; Current Controversies and the Future.
- Noon—Question and Answer Period.

SACRAMENTO

A citation from the President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped for "meritorious service in appreciation for exceptional contributions in furthering the employment of the physically handicapped" has been presented to **Dr. Christopher Leggo**, medical officer of the California State Personnel Board.

SAN DIEGO

Dr. Edmund L. Keeney, medical director of the Scripps Clinical and Research Foundation, La Jolla, was named president-elect of the American Academy of Allergy at the organization's annual meeting in Denver, February 5 to 7. Dr. Keeney will take office as president at the 1963 annual meeting in Montreal.

SAN FRANCISCO

The California Medical Assistants Association will hold its Annual Convention April 7 and 8 at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, San Francisco. Registration will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, April 6, the evening before the meeting opens.

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The Western Section of the American Urological Association will hold its 1962 Annual Convention at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel, San Francisco, April 23 to 26.

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The Pacific Dermatologic Association will hold a business meeting at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, in the Terrace Room of the Fairmont Hotel.

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SANTA CLARA

The Fifth Annual Palo Alto Medical Symposia, sponsored by the Clinic and the Palo Alto Medical Research Foundation, will be presented Saturday, April 7, 1962.

Further information may be obtained from Dr. John F. Weigen, program chairman, 300 Homer Avenue, Palo Alto.

GENERAL

New experimental health coverage specifically designed for California citizens over 65 years of age is now being offered by California Physicians' Service-Blue Shield.

The program, known as "C.P.S.-65," comes in two different versions which are similar in basic outline but include several benefit variations. Both versions offer coverage for hospital care, surgical care, medical care while hospitalized and x-ray and laboratory benefits. One of the two plans includes outpatient medical benefits. A co-payment hospital feature is included in both plans, and a deductible is applied with the outpatient coverage.

Surgical coverage under the program includes a fee schedule which is based on the California Medical Association's Relative Value Study of 1960, with a \$5.00 factor applied. The standard C.P.S. income provision for this fee schedule provides that C.P.S. physician members will accept the fees paid as payment in full for contract benefits if the member's income is less than \$7200 annually.

Cost of Plan I is \$16.50 per month, and Plan II, which includes home and office visits, is \$19.70 per month.

Because of the experimental nature of the program, enrollment advertising is not planned at this time. C.P.S. has announced the program to persons who have inquired about such coverage over the past several months, and applications are now being accepted. C.P.S. will continue to enroll applicants until the end of March.

California Medical Association

91st Annual Session

FAIRMONT HOTEL, SAN FRANCISCO

April 15 to 18, 1962

For complete program, see section following page 236 of this issue.

For notes on other meetings and entertainment that will be concurrent with the annual meeting, April 15 to 18, see page 8 of the program section which follows page 236 of this issue.

1939's Income Today

An annual income today of \$7,500 is equivalent to a 1939 income of \$3,409, according to a study of the Consumers Price Index made by the C.M.A. research department. The difference is represented by the 120 per cent increase in the index in California since 1939.

On the same basis, an income of \$3,000 in 1939 is equivalent today to \$6,600 on a statewide average. In San Francisco, which showed a 128 per cent C.P.I. increase, the 1939 \$3,000 is now \$6,840; while in Los Angeles, where the C.P.I. rise was 115 per cent, it is \$6,450.

1939 Income Adjusted Upward to 1961 by Changes in C.P.I.			
1939 Money Income	Adjusted Money Income, 1961		
	Los Angeles	San Francisco	California
\$ 3,000	\$ 6,450	\$ 6,840	\$ 6,600
5,000	10,750	11,400	11,000
7,500	16,125	17,100	16,500
1961 Income Adjusted Downward to 1939 by Changes in C.P.I.			
1961 Money Income	Adjusted Money Income, 1939		
	Los Angeles	San Francisco	California
5,000	2,326	2,193	2,273
7,500	3,488	3,289	3,409
10,000	4,651	4,386	4,545

California Chiropractors May Not Do Obstetrics

California chiropractors may not do obstetrics, a superior court has held in proceedings instituted by the State Board of Medical Examiners.

The case involved a Glendora chiropractor, Harriet E. Hightower, who said during the trial she has delivered 2,200 mothers since 1929. Her defense contended the 1922 Chiropractic Act gave chiropractors the privilege of doing obstetrics provided no drugs were administered or surgical operations performed.

Superior Judge John Stuart Frazer ruled that "the practice of obstetrics by chiropractors was never intended nor authorized by the Chiropractic Act," and that "a claim of any chiropractor to so practice is without right." He issued an injunction preventing the defendant from practicing obstetrics.

Denied Membership for Excessive Fees

A former Toledo, Ohio, physician now practicing in New York, denied membership in the Academy of Medicine, Toledo and Lucas County, for charging excessive fees, lost a million dollar damage suit against the society when the court ruled he had not exhausted his right of appeal to the Ohio Medical Association as provided in the state and county society constitutions.

In his testimony the plaintiff said he objected to the academy's investigating his fees and that the courts, not the academy, should decide fee disputes.

Academy complaints were filed against the physician during his five-year membership probationary period.

POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION NOTICES

THIS BULLETIN of the dates of postgraduate education programs and the meetings of various medical organizations in California is supplied by the Committee on Postgraduate Activities of the California Medical Association. In order that they may be listed here, please send communications relating to your future medical or surgical programs to Postgraduate Activities, California Medical Association, 693 Sutter Street, San Francisco 2.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Coronary Arteriosclerosis — Detection and management. Saturday, March 3. Eight hours. Fee: \$20.00.

The Skin and Internal Disorders. Saturday through Monday, March 24 through March 26. Twenty-four hours. Fee: \$50.00.

A Review of Advances in Surgery for General Practitioners. Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14. Fee: \$40.00.

For information on courses for physicians or ancillary personnel contact: Lowell A. Rantz, M.D., associate dean, Stanford University School of Medicine, 300 Pasteur Drive, Palo Alto.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES

Clinical Traineeships — Anesthesia, Dermatology and Pediatric Cardiology. Dates by arrangement. Minimum period—two weeks. Fee: Two weeks, \$150.00; four weeks, \$250.00.

Hypothermia (at Harbor General Hospital, Torrance), Friday through Sunday, March 30 through April 1. Twenty hours. Fee: \$60.00.

A Clinical Postgraduate Program in Japan and Hong Kong. April 8 through 29. Fee: \$200.00.

Inhalation Therapy. Saturday, May 26. Seven hours. Fee: \$10.00.

Medical Emergencies. Friday and Saturday, June 1 and 2.*†

Seminars for General Practitioners. Tuesday through Sunday, July 3 through 8. At University Residential Conference Center, Lake Arrowhead. Fee: \$162.50 includes room and meals for 5 days.

Anesthesiology. Thursday through Saturday, August 2 through 4.*†

Seminars in Internal Medicine. Sunday through Wednesday, August 12 through 15. At University Residential Conference Center, Lake Arrowhead. Fee: \$137.50 includes room and meals for 3 days.

Pediatrics. Wednesday through Sunday, August 15 through 19. At University Residential Conference Center, Lake Arrowhead. Fee: \$150.00 includes room and meals for 4 days.

The Evaluation of Therapeutic Agents and Cosmetics. Thursday through Saturday, August 16 through 18.*†

For information on courses for physicians or ancillary personnel contact: Thomas H. Sternberg, M.D., assistant dean for Department of Continuing Education in Medicine and Health Sciences, U.C.L.A. Medical Center, Los Angeles 24. BRadshaw 2-8911, Ext. 7114.

*Fees to be announced.

†Hours to be announced.